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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Ortowski et al.

Serial No.: 09/871,837

Filed: June 1, 2001

For: **A MODULAR SYSTEM  
INTERFACE APPARATUS**

Group Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: E. Leon

Docket No. 10010629-1

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AMENDMENT WITH RCE

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In response to a newly cited prior art reference in a corresponding foreign application, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. Amendments to the claims are also made herein. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFE 1.114

( ) Previously submitted:

( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

(X) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL  
(RCE) (37 CFR 1.114) (continued)**

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Respectfully submitted,

**Ortowski, et al.**

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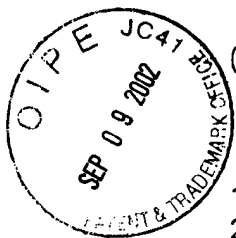
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**FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

1. APPLICATION NO.: 90132852
2. TITLE: A MODULAR SYSTEM INTERFACE APPARATUS
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5. FILING DATE: December 28, 2001
6. PRIORITY: USSN 09/871,837 filed June 01, 2001
7. CONTENTS OF ACTION:

SUBJECT:

This application shall not be granted an Invention Patent pursuant to Article 20.2 of the Patent Law.

**REASONS:**

1. The invention in this application entitled, "A Modular System Interface Apparatus," comprises a main panel configured to be attachable to a rack and including of at least one sub-panel slot, and at least one sub-panel configured to be attachable to the main panel through the sub-panel slot, wherein the at least one sub-panel supports a predetermined connector.
2. It is noted that the modular system interface apparatus of this invention is well employed in computer cases in general, such as that disclosed in R.O.C. patent publication No. 420327 published on January 21, 2001, and entitled, "Expansion card-retaining device for a computer casing," (see attachment) which comprises a rear panel (the main panel of this invention) provided with a plurality of juxtaposed expansion card slots (the sub-panel slot of this invention) thereon so as to hold the expansion card (the sub-panel of this invention.)
3. In view of the aforesaid, this invention does not involve a highly innovative technical concept, and utilizes technology and knowledge in existence prior to its filing and can be easily accomplished by a skilled artisan. This invention is devoid of inventive step.

Due to the REASONS set forth above, this application is not in agreement with the provision in Article 20.2 of the Patent Law and accordingly, shall not be granted an Invention Patent.

Sealed by

Ming-Pang Chen  
Director

Note: If dissatisfied with this Office Action, the Applicant may file a Request for Re-examination within 30 days of the day following the date of receipt of this Action.